

Upcoming Changes to the MaineCare Benefits Manual

The purpose of these changes is to comply with Public Law 2015, Chapter 267.

Section 2, Adult Family Care Services

Effective July 1, 2015, Section 2, Adult Family Care Services, will be receiving a 4% rate increase. Below, please see the updated rate table outlining the Resource Adjusted Pricing structure:

Resource Group	MaineCare Weight	Resource Adjusted Price (Based on Unadjusted Price: \$44.99 Multiplied by MaineCare Weight)
1	1.657	74.55
2	1.210	54.44
3	1.360	61.19
4	1.027	46.20
5	0.924	41.57
6	0.804	36.17
7	0.551	24.79
8	0.551	24.79

Section 19, Home and Community-Based Benefits for the Elderly and Adults

In Chapter III, Section 19 Home and Community Based Benefits for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities, effective July 1, 2015, the rates of reimbursement increased for the following services:

- Attendant Care Services (Personal Care Services, Participant Directed Option), billing code S5125, from \$2.93 per quarter hour to \$3.21 per quarter hour.
- Personal Care Services (Agency PSS), billing code T1019 from \$3.75 per quarter hour to \$4.10 per quarter hour.

In Chapter II, Section 19 Home and Community Based Benefits for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities, effective July 1, 2015, the established program cap increased from \$4,200 per month to \$4,603 per month.

Section 96, Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services

Effective July 1, 2015, the reimbursement rate for Personal Support Services will be increased in MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 96, Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services. The new rates will be as follows:

- T1019 - \$4.10/15 minutes
- S5125 - \$3.71/15 minutes
- S5125 TF - \$4.81/15 minutes

Member financial caps will also been increased effective July 1, 2015, when appropriate, to accommodate for the increase in provider reimbursement. The new member caps per level of care are as follows:

PDN I	\$820
PDN II	\$1,035
PDN III	\$1,690
PDN IV	\$3,133
PDN V	\$22,233
PDN VI	N/A
PDN VII	N/A
PDN VIII	\$750
PDN IX	\$1,570

Please contact your Provider Relations Specialist with any questions about these changes.

Section 45, Hospital Services

Beginning with services delivered on or after September 1, 2015, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will reduce the payment for DHHS-defined, non-emergent use of the Emergency Department (ED) for in-state acute care Non-critical Access Hospitals only.

Specifically, the Evaluation and Management portion of the Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) for ED services (99281-99285 billed with revenue codes 0450-0459) will be reimbursed at the current rate listed in the MaineCare fee schedule.

Non-emergent use of the ED will be identified by a primary diagnosis of the following ICD-9 codes (for services prior to October 1, 2015) or ICD-10 codes (for services delivered on or after October 1, 2015).

The codes can be found in the [Section 45 Non-Emergency Use of Emergency Department: ICD-9 to ICD-10 Code Crosswalk](#) document on the [MaineCare ICD-10 webpage](#), under the ICD-10 Background section.

Section 67, Nursing Facilities

Public Law 2015, Chapter 267, provides funding in the Nursing Facilities program to replace the one-time General Fund appropriation provided in fiscal year 2014-15 and to fund the recommendations in Public Law 2013, Chapter 594, *An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Long-Term Care Facilities*.

These Principles of Reimbursement changes will take effect retroactively to July 1, 2015, with rulemaking to follow.

The Final Prospective Rate to nursing facilities will increase from 95.12% to 97.44%.

The cost of continuing education for direct care staff will be included as a direct care cost component rather than a routine cost component, effective July 1, 2015.

******A formal rulemaking will follow regarding all upcoming MaineCare Benefits Manual changes.***